quickly they will be too late. The Russians are still far away, but an encounter is possible.

6th, *9 P.M.:* (To the Empress.) I have received the letter in which you appear vexed about what I say of women. It is true that I hate intriguing women above all things. I am accustomed to kind, soft, amiable women; they are those I am fond of. If they have spoiled me it is not my fault but yours. But you will see that I have been kind to one who has shown herself good and kind-hearted, Mme. de Hatzfeld. When I showed her her husband's letter, she sobbed and, with the greatest emotion and naivete, said: "Yes, that, is his writing." To hear her reading it was pitiful. It was most painful, and I said to her: "Well, Madam, throw the letter in the fire; then it will no longer be in my power to harm your husband." She burned the letter and seemed very happy. Her husband has not been troubled since; two hours later-it would have been all up with him. So you see that I do like women who are good, kind, and naive; but then they are the only ones who are like you.

9th. (To the Empress.) Good news! Magdeburg has surrendered; and at Llibeck, on the 7th, 20,000 men, who for a week had escaped, were taken prisoners. So the whole army is captured; Prussia has not 20,000 men left beyond the Vistula.

Ltibeck was stormed by the Grand Duke of Berg, the Prince of Ponte Corvo, and Marshal Soult. The slaughter was awful. On the following day what was left of Blti-cher's corps, 18,000 men, surrendered.

llth. (To Sultan Selim.) Most High, Most Excellent,